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**Town of Vernon  
Conservation Commission Meeting  
Monday, October 16, 2017  
7:00pm  
Council Chambers, Third Floor  
Vernon Town Hall, 14 Park Place Rockville / Vernon, CT**

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**DRAFT MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Chairman Ryan Goad. Present were Commission members Richard Clark and Jason Seacat. James Simon was absent.

Staff Present: Town Planner Marina Rodriguez

Recording Secretary: Kathleen Minor

**2. Administrative Actions**

**A. Acceptance of minutes of September 18, 2017.**

Jason Seacat motioned to delay the approval of the minutes until the next meeting. Richard Clark seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**B. Communications Received**

- DEEP – Notice of Tentative Determination to Approve an Application for Dam Safety Permit and Intent to Waive Public Hearing regarding 300 Valley Falls Road
- Notification from DEEP that applications are being accepted for the Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program
- Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut notification regarding event on October 24, 2017
- Communication regarding the site walk of the Petrin Property
- Conservation Commission letter dated May 24, 2012 regarding consolidation of the Open Space Task Force and Conservation Commission
- The Habitat newsletter – Summer 2017 issue

**C. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month**

- Letter was sent to Inland Wetlands Commission regarding IWC-2017-07 relating to 133 Tunnel Road.

**D. Organizational considerations**

- Tom Ouellette discussed the possibility of merging the Conservation Commission and Open Space Task Force and asked for suggestions on what would be the best way to move forward with this request. Discussion ensued.

**3. Open Space Program Update**

- Discussion regarding the Petrin property located at the top of Box Mountain that consists of 112 acres, about 62 acres located in Vernon.

James Simon motioned that a discussion will ensue regarding absorbing the current Open Space Task Force and combining the agenda with Conservation Commission. Richard Clark seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. New Business**

##### **A. Application Review and Comments**

**Application [IWC-2017-07] of David Smith, Town Engineer, for a Wetlands Permit for a Bridge Replacement on Pleasantview Drive over the Hockanum River.**

- The application was reviewed and discussion ensued.

Richard Clark motioned that the Conservation Commission has no comments regarding this Application. Jason Seacat seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

##### **B. Natural Resources Update**

###### **Bolton Lakes Issues**

- Discussion regarding scheduled treatments for invasive species

###### **Future Activities**

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###### **Rifle by Volunteers (RBV)**

#### **5. Other Goals**

- There is a need for more commission members.
- Discussion ensued regarding educational initiatives directed toward Earth Day

#### **6. Adjournment**

Jason Seacat motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:38pm. Richard Clark seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen Minor  
Recording Secretary